(c) Government of India is implementing a number of programmes in order to eradicate poverty. The major schemes and programmes in this regard include National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), and Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY). These are in addition to the benefits of increase in income arising from the general growth process.

Tax collection

333. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the direct and indirect Tax arrears as on 31 March, 2009;

(b) the total Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of public sector banks as on 31 March, 2009;

(c) the reserve and surplus of Central Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) as on 31 March, 2009;

(d) whether any part of the above is being targeted as investible surplus;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the total public investment in 2008-09 in agriculture, health, education and social security schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Negative rate of inflation

†334. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inflation rate had been negative at the end of week ending on 6 June, 2009;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that prices of primary articles like cereals, pulses, fruits, vegetables, sugar etc. have increased instead of decline; and

(d) if not, Government's reaction in this regard and what would be its impact on the common man's monthly budget?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The year-on-year inflation measured by WPI was negative at 1.6 per cent in the week ended June 6, 2009. In the three commodity groups of Primary articles, Fuel, power, light & lubricants and

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Manufactured products, the rate of inflation was 5.8 per cent, (-) 12.8 per cent, and 0 per cent respectively in the week.

(c) The inflation details of select food articles in the week ended June 6, 2009, are indicated in table below:

Commodities	Cereals	Pulses	Fruits	Vegetables	Sugar	Tea
Wt.%->	4.41	0.6	1.46	1.46	3.62	0.16
06-Jun-09 P	13.57	16.77	-0.12	20.63	32.91	46.08

(d) The Government monitors the price situation regularly, with price stability being high on its agenda. Measures taken to contain prices of essential commodities include selective ban on exports and futures trading in food grains, zero import duty on select food items, removal of restrictions on licensing, stock limits and movements of food articles under the Essential Commodities Act of 1955, permitting imports of pulses and sugar by public sector undertakings, distribution of imported pulses and edible oils through the PDS and release of higher quota of non-levy sugar.

Loss making PSUs

†335.SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) of the Central Government are running in loss;

(b) if so, the details of loss of these PSUs during the last three years, PSU-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the work performance of these PSUs running into loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI ARUN YADAV): (a) and (b) As per Public Enterprises Survey 2007-08, which was laid in the Parliament on 25.2.2009, there were 39 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), incurring losses for the last three years, that is, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08. The details of loss of these CPSEs during the three years are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The Government constituted the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) in December, 2004, *inter-alia*, for examination of the cases for revival/restructuring of CPSEs and to make appropriate recommendations to the Government. The administrative Ministries/Departments first identify the sick enterprises and subsequently submit comprehensive revival proposal to the BRPSE for consideration and for making suitable recommendations.

Performance improvement of CPSEs is a continuous process; enterprise specific measures for their turn around are taken by the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments and the CPSEs.

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